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August 29, 2003

Mr. Randal Gilliam  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

RE: Complaint of Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. Against Citizens  
Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC.  
Docket No. 02-01221

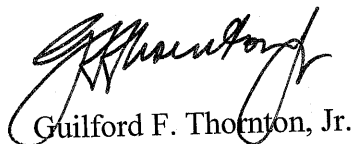
Dear Mr. Gilliam:

As you aware, our firm represents Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC ("Citizens") in the above referenced action. This letter is to advise the prehearing officer that the parties are meeting by teleconference this morning to attempt to resolve remaining discovery disputes before this afternoon's status conference.

Citizens has not responded formally to the second Motion to Compel, filed by Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. Rather Citizens relies on the arguments and positions taken in its response filed April 4, 2003. It is Citizens' position that the threshold issues raised there should be addressed before getting to the specific discovery requests still in dispute.

Should you have any questions or require anything further at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Guilford F. Thornton, Jr.

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